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CPUC HOSTS DIVERSITY HEARING ON OCTOBER 8

SAN FRANCISCO, October 2, 2015 - SAN FRANCISCO, - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing efforts to promote diversity in utility company practices, will hold its 13th annual public hearing to examine the diversity programs of the state's regulated utilities, discuss the CPUC's own commitment to diversity, and hear from community based organizations and other interested parties who will share their views on creating supplier diversity programs entrenched in economic development and job creation for the 21st century and beyond.

WHAT: CPUC Annual Diversity En Banc: General Order 156 – A Roadmap for Excellence

WHEN: October 8, 2015, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

WHERE: South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 South Airport Blvd., South San Francisco

The CPUC's Commissioners will be joined by the Honorable Gwen Moore, executives of investor-owned utilities, community leaders, and others to review the progress, commitments, and initiatives made to increase the participation of women, minorities, and disabled veterans-owned business enterprises in procurement by regulated utilities and other entities.

The keynote addresses will be delivered by The Honorable La Doris "Dot" Harris, Director of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity for the U.S. Department of Energy; and Dr. Randal Pinkett, Founder, Chairman, and CEO of BCT Partners.

Representatives of industry, government, academia, labor, community-based organizations, and other interested parties are expected to attend. Members of the public are invited, and a public comment session will be held.



If you plan to attend and need specialized accommodations, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., Room 2103, San Francisco, CA 94102 or call 1-866-849-8390 or 1-415-703-2074; or email public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend the En Banc, no official action will be taken.

For more information, including an agenda, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/supplierdiversity.

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